there are some cases pending now. I would therefore request the Government to withdraw those prosecutions.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—On the first point—regarding the release of the political prisoner—the Government will accordingly do so. Only they want some more detailed information to be collected from the District Magistrate, and as soon as it is received, orders will be issued. He has already been given some concessions since he is a political prisoner. As to the other point, viz., the one regarding the withdrawal of the prosecutions now pending, if I remember right, there is only one set of prosecutions. As to that no definite reply of "yes" or 'no" could be given straight-a-way at present. However, the point will be noted and considered as sympathetically as possible.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—In the light of the assurance, I beg the leave of this House to withdraw.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put.—*That the demand may be made.*

Motion carried.

16. XV—Law and Justice—B.5—copyists' Establishment—Rs. 60.

President.—The next is the demand for Rs. 60 under XV—Law and Justice—B. 5—Copyists' Establishment.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Sir, I again rise to move or an additional allotment of Rs. 60 under XV—Law and Justice—B.5—Copyists' Establishment. This House will be pleased to remember that I had moved for an additional allotment for 4 temporary copyists entertained in the Ernakulam Munsiff's Court for a period of 2 months to clear off arrears in the copying section. I am glad to inform the House that the work has now become normal, but the Registrar of the Chief Court reports that the permanent copyist staff cannot cope with the work of the two courts, the permanent and the additional Munsiffs' Courts, and that one temporary copyist will have to be kept on as long as the additional court is at Ernakulam, lest the work should fall into arrears. It is, therefore, proposed to give a temporary additional hand on Rs. 20 per mensem for a period of 3 months more, that is, till the re-opening of the courts in the interest of the litigant public] I, therefore, request that this allotment may be sanctioned by this House.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60 under XV—Law and Justice B. 5 by Re. 1.*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—This is a motion to request the Government that in the case of a few hands employed in the Judicial Department as copyists, the lot of these hands

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may be favourably considered by the Government in giving exemption from the Standing Orders regarding their promotions. I understand that there are a few hands—unpassed hands—who under the Standing Orders, are not entitled to go beyond Rs. 20 in their pay I also understand that during the last ten years or so there have not been any appointment of unpassed hands in the services. So, those unpassed hands now in the service are persons of about 10 years' service and if they are to remain on Rs. 20, they must be expected to be quite discontented with the lot that is theirs. The work that has to be turned out by these copyists is not anything lighter than the work that is done by many ot their friends in the same office. So, to allow them to rise to the first grade of clerks, viz., 25—40, there is necessity for giving them exemption from the Standing Orders by the Government, which prevents unpassed hands being appointed to any place drawing a pay higher than Rs. 20. It is to urge upon the Government the necessity of giving these few persons who are already in service and whose number is not likely to be increased hereafter, because the policy of Government is not to entertain unpassed hands, that I press this motion.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, if the pay of the post which an unpassed hand has been occupying has been raised so that to occupy the new scale, the unpassed hand would require a pass in the normal course of things, if that is the case, then the person concerned would be given exemption. In other words, by raising the pay of the post which an unpassed hand is occupying, by reason of that, the unpassed hand will not be prejudicially affected. The unpassed hand, though unpassed, will be allowed to continue in spite of the fact that the pay has been enhanced beyond that rule after which special tests are required. But if it is the intention of the mover of the cut motion that future promotions also should be given to such unpassed hands irrespective of the fact that he is. unpassed, then the Government think that it is not possible to do so, because there are so many passed hands themselves ready for promotion. In the face of that, it is not right to extend the concession any further. That is the position of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I submit that, especially because of the fact that there is no possibility of this limited number increasing further, and since they are Government servants, and since they are turning a good amount of work as copyists, it is but fair and proper that they be allowed to rise up to Rs. 40, the lowest scale, and retire at least on Rs. 20 per mensem. I wish to press the motion.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and negatived.

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Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60 under XV—Law and Justice B. 5 by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I have just tabled this motion to know how many ladies are employed in the copying department and how the introduction of the ladies facilitate the work of the copying section. I would like to know that if the information is at hand.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— There are two lady copyists attached to the Chief Court Copyist Establishment. It is an amalgamation of the Chief Court proper and the District Court proper, the central system. There are altogether 8 copyists, 2 ladies and six men. The work of the lady copyists is as good as the work of their comrades. (*Hear, hear*),

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am glad to hear that. That is the one department in which ladies can be employed freely and very usefully. This kind of copying work which is a quiet work, I say should be given, as far as possible to ladies if there are applicants. That is the only point which I want to make out by this cut motion. In the copying department and the Registration Department, ladies can be entertained. I do not wish to press.

The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put.—*That the demand may be made.*

Motion carried.

17. XV—Law and Justice—C—Criminal Justice—Rs. 1,408.

President.—Next is the demand for Rs. 1,408 under XV—Law and Justice—C--Criminal Justice.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,408 as detailed below under XV—Law and Justice—C—Criminal Justice.

	Rs.
Travelling allowance.	750
Conveyance charges.	70
Burial charges.	50
Tour charges.	75
Service labels.	150
Miscellaneous.	298
Postage.	10
Telegrams.	5

Under T. A. the excess is due to the census work and the enhanced rates of travelling allowance allowed to the peons and the subordinate clerks and the necessity for the Chittur Sub-Magistrate to camp at Nemmara owing to the abolition of the court there. The expenditure under conveyance charges

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